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2 ENTITY AUTHENTICATION IN A SHARED HOSTING COMPUTER

3 NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

4 Abstract of the Disclosure

5 Apparati, methods, and computer readable media for  
6 authenticating an entity (9) in a shared hosting computer network  
7 (4) environment. A service provider computer (2) contains a  
8 plurality of entity sites (5). Connected to the service provider  
9 computer (2), a trusted third party computer (1) is adapted to  
10 provide a conglomerated authenticity certification to the service  
11 provider computer (2). Coupled to the trusted third party  
12 computer (1) is a means (10) for enabling an entity (9) to seek  
13 to convert the conglomerated authenticity certification into an  
14 individualized authenticity certification covering that entity's  
15 site (5).  
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